



Reading Ephesians Together Pt 2 The Grace of God in Christ

THE GRACE OF GOD IN CHRIST: SOME OBSERVATIONS ON EPHESIANS 2

- **The indicative mood points to what something is, while the imperative mood points to what something does.**
- If we mistake indicatives for imperatives, we will attempt to work for that which we can never accomplish. **An indicative tells us who we are because of what God has done.** Pursuing that in and of ourselves is a form of works righteousness.
- If we mistake imperatives for indicatives, we will leave undone that which we ought to do. **Imperatives are commands.** They are to be done. When we read, “You shall not steal” (Ex. 20:15), we are reading an imperative, a command.

EPHESIAN 2:4-10 INDICATIVES...THOSE THINGS THAT ARE:

1. God quickened us
2. God saved us by Grace
3. God raised us up
4. God made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ
5. God ordained more rich kindness to come towards us
6. God made us his workmanship unto good works
7. Our walk in good works is ordained of God!

GENERAL APPLICATIONS:

1. If you are in Christ Jesus (if you have been saved) you are no longer dead but alive. Does your life reflect...LIFE? :)
2. Our God is rich in mercy and love. Who might you show rich mercy and love to this week? Who might you more quickly forgive? Or care for? Or pray for?
3. You have been saved by grace and through faith. Who do you know who isn't saved? Who do you know who needs the grace of God right now? What are you willing to do about that?
4. You are the workmanship of God in Christ. Is your hand to the plow? At home? In the local church? At work or in your neighborhood?

PERSONAL DEVOTION/FAMILY WORSHIP QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

1. As a family or in personal devotion, describe what God's grace means to you.
2. Sometimes it's difficult to see joy in God's commands (especially during difficult times). Pray that the Lord will daily direct you to work joyfully.
3. Take three or more invite cards home and (with joy) share God's grace with a neighbor, family member or coworker.

Catechism

Question: What does the ninth commandment require?

Answer: The ninth commandment requires us to tell the truth and to maintain and promote it along with our own and others' reputations, especially when testifying.